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Canadian National (CN)

Dear Sirs:

One of the 133 grade crossings of the EJ&E is the Union Pacific Northwest (UPN) line which has commuter and freight traffic. I have been a resident of the Village of Barrington for 34 years and have ridden the UPN (and its predecessors) thousands of times. My experience has been that UPN commuter trains have priority over freight on the EJ&E. I don't know priorities between freight on the UPN and EJ&E lines. My experience has been that southbound EJ&E trains stop just short of the UPN line thereby blocking State highway 59 and State highway 14, depending on train length. I don't know whether northbound EJ&E trains block Lake Cook Rd (called Main Street in Barrington) waiting for UPN trains to pass.

~~Also, the EJ&E line does not have crossing gates in the Barrington area.~~

My ~~first~~ question is where does CN plan to stop for UPN trains to minimize blockage of crossings in the Barrington area?

~~My second question is will CN install crossing gates before increasing traffic on the EJ&J line?~~

Yours sincerely,

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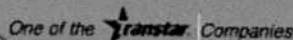
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Enc: EJ&E system map

UPN commuter schedule (last page shows the many Metra commuter lines, I believe all of which are crossed by EJ&E. Amtrack has from 3 to 6 lines which are crossed by EJ&J))
EJ&E crossings in Barrington area

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